

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Federation of Community Councils, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 920063045****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc. - Fairview Community Garden

**State Funding Requested: \$44,863****House District: 20 / J**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Project will convert a publicly owned vacant lot into a community garden for local residents. The current community garden at Fairview Lions Park has a waiting list. This site will meet this demand by providing an additional fenced-in location where individuals will be able to sign up for small designated garden plots.

**Funding Plan:**

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| Total Project Cost:           | \$49,863          |
| Funding Already Secured:      | (\$5,000)         |
| FY2023 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$44,863)</u> |
| Project Deficit:              | \$0               |

*Funding Details:*

*The project is a partnership between the Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) and the Fairview Community Council (FVCC). ACLT has committed \$2,000 plus organizational support. As of Feb 15, 2020, \$5,000 has been raised from local donations and it is anticipated that \$3,000 will be made available as matching funds to the ACLT contribution for the Fairview Community Garden project. A full budget breakdown is available by request.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The project need was identified by local residents stepping forward to explore options for reducing the unmet need for community garden plots as evidenced by the waiting list at Fairview Lions Park. The current site was purchased by the ADOT&PF as advance right-of-way for the future Highway-to-Highway Connection. Phase I of the Highway to Highway project ("H2H") is programmed in the current AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2031 and beyond. Rather than having the site remain vacant and a blight on the neighborhood, the FVCC has initiated an effort to make the site productive until it is needed for the larger transportation project. The proposed use of the site is consistent with ADOT&PF right-of-way management protocols and will be governed through the right-of-way permit process. A conceptual site plan and current condition is available by request. One innovative aspect of the project is the use of re-purposed beetle-killed spruce logs for key components of the community garden. The proposal to the Municipal Parks and Recreation for their participation in the project is available upon request, and their response is expected in the foreseeable future.

**Project Timeline:**

The project is underway with organizational partners and community engagement. Volunteers and local fund-raising are continuing. If State funding is made available, then the community gardens can be completed in the fall of 2021. Absent State funding, the project timeline will be extended until sufficient local funds are raised.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Fairview Community Council

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No